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Presidential Rank Awards presented to two AFRL Directors

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Two Air Force Research Laboratory directors were honored at the 2002 Air Force Presidential Rank Awards ceremony held April 7, at Arlington National Cemetery.

Receiving the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive were James W. Brinkley, Director of the Human Effectiveness Directorate, and Dr. Charles E. Browning, Director of the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate.

Each year, the government recognizes and celebrates a select group of career senior executives who have provided exceptional service to the American people over an extended period of time.

According to the official Senior Executive Service website, winners of these awards are outstanding leaders, who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry and a relentless commitment to public service. They have demonstrated their success in balancing the needs and perspectives of customers, stakeholders and employees with organizational results.

Brinkley entered federal service in 1958. He has held various senior technical and management positions. Among his major technical accomplishments are developing and demonstrating technologies for personnel protection systems for automotive, and industrial applications, and air and space systems.

He was selected for the Senior Executive Service in 1988.

Browning began his career with the Air Force in 1966. He has held various senior technical and management positions within the laboratory. He is responsible for the planning and execution of the Air Force's advanced materials, processes and manufacturing and environmental technology programs.

Additionally, he serves as an adjunct professor in materials engineering at the University of Dayton.

Browning was selected by the Senior Executive Service in 1998.

The Meritorious Executive award is given for sustained accomplishment. It is limited to five percent of the career Senior Executive Service government – wide population.

Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process, which includes nomination, by their agency heads, evaluation by boards of private citizens and approval by the SES President.

Brinkley and Browning are among the 12 Air Force executives to receive this year's award. Currently, there are over 6,500 total career members of the Senior Executive Service. @



James W. Brinkley



Dr. Charles E. Browning